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SUBJ: REMARKS BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CRITICIZED IN QATAR

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1. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S MAY 18 "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" REMARKS
INDICATING POSSIBLE US MILITARY INTERVENTION IF THERE IS ANOTHER
OIL EMBARGO, HAVE BEEN FULLY COVERED IN QATARI MEDIA. DAILY
"AL ARAB" ON MAY 20 CARRIED SHARPLY CRITICAL EDITORIAL ENTITLED
"SCHLESINGER AND VAIN THREATS". EDITORIAL COVERED WATERFRONT
OF ALLEGED US FAILURES FROM INDOCHINA TO MIDEAST, AND ASSERTED
SUCH THREATS BETRAYED ANOTHER US FAILURE, I.E. ITS MISTAKEN
PERCEPTION OF ARAB NATION AND ARAB REACTION TO SUCH THREATS.
EDITORIAL CLAIMED THAT SCHLESINGER REMARKS LATEST REVELATION
THAT US DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TRUE PEACE IN AREA AND IMPLIED
THAT SECRETARY'S STEP BY STEP DIPLOMACY ANOTHER FACET OF US
DECEPTION OF ARABS. EDITORIAL STATED THAT US STILL DID NOT
REALIZE THAT ERA OF COLONIALISM, WITH ITS INTIMIDATION OF
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SUBJECT PEOPLES, HAS LONG BEEN OVER, AND THAT US APPARENTLY

HAS NOT LEARNED ANY LESSONS IN INDOCHINA, SINCE IT CONTINUING ITS REPRESSIVE INTENTIONS IN THIS AREA THROUGH THREATENING STATEMENTS AND MASSIVE ARMS ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL.

2. AT SOCIAL EVENTS MAY 19 CONNECTED WITH VISIT OF KUWAITI PRIME MINISTER, NUMBER OF SENIOR GQ OFFICIALS AND ARAB AMBASSADORS WHO HAD PRECISE READING OF CONTEXT OF SCHLESINGER REMARKS BERATED AMBASSADOR ABOUT SCHLESINGER COMMENTS. THESE OFFICIALS EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT US THREAT SYNDROME BEING RENEWED JUST AFTER ISSUE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN LAID TO REST BY SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT DISCLAIMER OF ANY US INTENTION TO INVADE AREA.

3. COMMENT: REINFORCEMENT OF SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN MAY 26 "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" ISSUE WILL FURTHER AGGRAVATE MATTER. PAGANELLI UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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